

NEW PATHWAYS HOSTING WEEK
VOLUNTEER OPPERTUNITIES



A Pathway to Home.....

New Pathways mission is to build a stronger community by providing shelter and support services to homeless families with children. Supporting families is a team effort, which is why our Path to Home shelter chose a model that relies on hundreds of local volunteers. Our hope is to connect families with people and resources that will help them to be successful long term. We want to see families thrive, as opposed to just survive. This includes meals, a safe, warm place to sleep, and skills and resources necessary to find and maintain housing.

New Life has partnered with New Pathways out of Cambridge and 13 other Churches to minister to homeless families with children. Four times a year we are scheduled to host these families at New Life. We do this by providing a place for them to sleep and food to eat while they are actively looking for employment, housing, or both. Families will sleep at our Church from Sunday to Sunday and go to the day center during the day. The program can take up to six families at a time. Over 70% of these families are single moms.

To accomplish caring for these families it will take about 40-60 volunteers to do a variety of tasks. Here are some of the opportunities we have to serve God's people and show them love and hospitality.

1. Make and serve meals, donate food items (8 meals needed)

We need people to make and serve meals. Meals can be made at home or at the Church. Food items can be donated by you or by the Church. You would be in charge of cooking, setting up the meal and cleaning up when done. Meals are served at 6:00pm. You can also donate food items that are needed to pack lunches or to make meals.

2. Evening hosts (2-4 needed)

To be an evening host you will need to be at the Church from 4:45-9:00pm. (Arrangements can be made if you need a later start time) You will greet the guests as they come in. Set the tables up for supper, assist with getting food on the serving table, if needed. During the time you are at Church you can eat and interact with the guests, answer any questions they may have, play games or watch movies with the families. Sometimes families just want quiet time in their room. Your main responsibility is to monitor the Church and to make sure parents are watching their children, and be the "go to" person if the guests have concerns.

3. Overnight hosts (2-3 needed, prefer at least one male)

Overnight hosts need to be at the Church from 8:45pm-7:30am. A room and cot will be provided for you, bring your own bedding. You will check in with the evening host to see how the evening went, see if there are any concerns to be addressed and if anyone will be returning after the doors are locked. You will be available for the guests to contact during the night if there are any concerns or sicknesses. Will be up in the morning to assist the families with breakfast and to make sure they are up and ready to leave at 7:30am.

4. Saturday day host (5 needed)

Saturdays allow the families a much needed day to sleep in. Your main responsibility is to monitor the Church and make sure parents are watching their children, and be the “go to” person if the guests have concerns. Assist families with any food needs or activities. A hot breakfast is served at 9:00am by the Saturday AM meal host.

5. Set up rooms (15-20 needed)

Set up of rooms is done Sundays directly after church. Cots need to be carried from the trailer and set up in the rooms. Bedding and supplies need to be set up, as well.

6. Tear down rooms (15-20 needed)

Tear down takes place on Sunday mornings at 7:30am or 8:00am during summer hours. Cots need to be loaded on the trailer and rooms need to be cleaned and set back up for Church by 8:20/9:00am.

7. Wash bedding (2-4 needed)

After our hosting week all bedding needs to be washed and returned back to the Church within 2 weeks. The bins of laundry can be picked up by the welcome center after services.

8. Deliver the trailer to the next church host

The trailer needs to be delivered to the next Church host after teardown on Sunday, preferably by 11:00am. You can be reimbursed for gas if needed.

9. Activities coordinator and helpers (2-5)

Plan and facilitate evening activities for the children or families. Crafts, group games, family outings. Or be a helper for the coordinator. Activities will be from 7:00-8:00pm

To volunteer in an area email pauline.ewert@newlifechurchmn.com and a link to an online sign up will be sent to you or visit our Helping Hands page on our New Life website for a link.

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